



WATERVILLE PARKS AND REC 2010 **BASH** COED SOFTBALL LEAGUE RULES AND GUIDELINES

General Provisions

- 1) The league fee must be paid by **April 23, 2010**. Checks should be made payable to the City of Waterville. The league fee for the 2010 season will be \$175.00. There is a \$5.00 fee for all players that are not residents of the City of Waterville. The non-resident fee is due by June 4, 2010.
- 2) League rosters must be submitted to the Waterville Parks and Recreation Department by **June 4, 2010**. Changes to rosters can be made up until the team's sixth scheduled game. Changes after that are made at the discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department. Teams will be prohibited from participating in the end of the season tournament if a complete roster is not submitted to the Department.
- 3) Females may participate in both divisions—males may only participate in one division. Players may only be registered on **ONE** roster and participate on **ONE** team. Any male participating in the summer men's league is prohibited from playing on a Bash division team. He may play on a Smash division team.
- 4) Alcohol will not be permitted in or around playing areas. This includes parking lots near the fields. Smoking is prohibited at all fields located at schools, including Reed and Herlihy. Smoking is prohibited on all fields and in dugouts.
- 5) Once the season has started, or if you are prohibited from playing on a Waterville field, there will be no refunds of your league fee. Any refund prior to the start of the season will be at the discretion of the Parks & Recreation Department.
- 6) Games will be scheduled for 6:15pm. Forfeit time is the start of the game, no exceptions.

Games will be governed by current ASA Coed Softball Playing Rules with the following exceptions:

- 1) Current league players are discouraged from participating.
- 2) Players must be at least 16 years of age.
- 3) Each team should have four women on the field the entire game. If less than four women are present, teams may field a **MAXIMUM** of six men.
- 4) Whenever a team is playing with less than four women, an out will be taken when the absent female(s) position(s) in the batting order appears. This rule applies to playoffs only. During the regular season you will not be forced to take an out for one female being absent; however if two females are missing the out must be taken.
- 5) Free substitution is permitted; however, to do this, a batting lineup must include **ALL** players and remain **CONSTANT**. Batting order must alternate by gender with a female starting off, and evenly distributing female players throughout the lineup. See attached examples of lineups.
- 6) The following pitching rules will apply:
 1. 6-10 foot arch on the pitch.
 2. Switching the ball. Female batters may choose to use the 11" or 12" ball. Male batters must always use the 12" ball.
- 7) A batter is out after three swinging strikes (regardless of gender). This includes a foul ball after two strikes.
- 8) Three over the fence homeruns are allowed per team per game. Additional over the fence homeruns constitute an out.
- 9) If a team is ahead by 12 or more runs after 4 ½ or 5 innings, the game will be declared finished.
- 10) Metal cleats are not permitted.
- 11) All players on the field must bat. You can not have a player on the field and rotate them out of the batting order for any reason. If the player is unable to bat for any reason, they can not be on the playing field at any time beyond their first scheduled at bat.



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- 12) Courtesy runners are allowed if the player is unable to run the bases due to an injury occurring on the playing field. If a player runs beyond first base, they can not request a courtesy runner unless the injury occurs during that at bat. Courtesy runners will not be used for the same player throughout the game. If the player can not run, they can not be on the playing field. If a female requests a courtesy runner, the last female called out will be the runner. If a male requests a courtesy runner, the last male called out will be the runner.
- 13) The Parks and Recreation Department will determine rainouts. Some of the fields hold water worse than others so we may cancel games based on the individual field condition. Therefore there will be times when some fields are open and others are not. Only captains may call in for cancellation information. Parks and Recreation will send an email to those captains when games have been canceled. Any team found on a field after a rain cancellation, or when an employee of the Parks and Recreation Department deems the field unplayable will be sanctioned as the Parks and Recreation Department deems necessary. Waterville Parks and Recreation will review each violation individually and will determine the sanction at that time.
- 14) Use of bats listed on the current ASA banned bat list is strictly prohibited. If any member of your team is caught using a banned bat, the player will be banned from playing on any Waterville field for one year from the date that you are caught and the entire team will be warned. If any player from that team is caught using a banned bat after the warning, the entire team will be banned for one year from the date that you are caught. This includes any tournaments that are held in Waterville, whether or not they are sponsored by the Waterville Parks and Recreation department. Your team is subject to an official checking all bats at any time during a game.
- 15) There will be no composite bats, double walled or Freak bats allowed in this division.
- 16) If a team forfeits three (3) games, they will be removed from the league with no refund. A game is considered a forfeit if there is no game played. If teams prior to the game decide to play even though one team does not have enough players, this is not considered a forfeit towards the three forfeit rule. Games that were scheduled for the remainder of the season may be rescheduled. Rescheduling is at the sole discretion of the Parks and Recreation Department.

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